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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please add my voice to those opposing USTelecom's petition to renege on their obligations under section 251 of the communications act. Contrary to their assertion, many Americans - such as myself - rely on DSL services. There are no competitive alternatives at my residence. AT&T only offers more expensive options, and is known for poor customer service and privacy protections.

Allowing this change to your regulations would obviously decrease competition and, in many cases, eliminate affordable internet access.

Denying competitors access to UNEs should only be considered as part of a breakup of the AT&T monopoly.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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